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The Trip to Nashville.

As previously announced, the "Official Route" to the Southern Baptist Convention will be over the Illinois Central to Memphis, the L. & N. from Memphis to Makenzie, and the N. C. & St. Louis on to Nashville. The rate is half fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, which from Jackson is \$12.75, and increases or diminishes as you go up or down the line from this point. See that your ticket reads as above designated.

For the convenience and comfort of all those who will join the party going over the "Official Route," a special coach, one of the finest reclining chair cars, operated by the Illinois Central road, will be attached to the "cannon ball" train as it pulls out from New Orleans at 9:20 on the morning of the 11th, and can be boarded at any point where the fast train makes regular stops. This train arrives at Jackson at 2:25 p. m. and leaves in about five minutes, making connection with all other trains coming in here, when they are on time. It will take a minimum of thirty-five persons to secure this special coach, which will not only go with us to Nashville but will await our return also, and prevent our changing cars in the night at Memphis and Makenzie.

If, in addition to these thirty-five, a minimum of fifteen berths can be taken in advance, a sleeper will accompany the party for all who want it, from Jackson for \$3.00 per berth, or from Memphis for \$2.00, accommodating as many as two in a berth. Most of the "Official Route" party can eat dinner before leaving home, and all can get supper in Memphis (we will have an hour in Memphis) and breakfast in Nashville. Everybody will have to arrange for his own hotel accommodations while in Nashville, which ought and can be done in advance by writing at once to Dr. Lansing Burrows, or Rev. T. B. Ray, Nashville, Tenn.

So soon as you decide to go send your name to W. P. Price, Jackson, Miss., who has charge of the transportation department of the trip. On the sending of your names depends the special coach and sleeper both, so whatever you do, do quickly. Let some one in all the churches see to it, that the pastor is handed money enough to pay his way anyhow. Many have done this already. Besides being a nice compliment to the pastor, it is a good investment for the church.

Signs of Promise.

The matter of giving the Gospel to the destitute has its highest argument and noblest appeal in the fact that our God demands it to be done. Its beneficial effect on the people to whom it is sent must be

in the very nature of the case a secondary consideration. It was this fact that sustained Judson during those long years of seed planting when the brethren almost tired of waiting the harvest, again and again said, "What are the prospects?" "What are signs of encouragement?" "Are there any conversions?" Again and again came the answer from the weary toiler, "The prospects are just as bright as are the promises of God." While we hold the rope for them who are in the well, there come also to us now after these years words that the fathers were so anxious to hear, but after all that we have of showers of blessing, let us not forget that he obeys who unquestionably does the work that God has ordered, "doing with his might what his hands find to do." These signs of promise are not only in the conversions in the fields, but also to be found in the increased activity of the helpers, the larger numbers that every year are to be found joining in the great work of world wide evangelism. My heart has often stirred of late as I have read the letters not only bringing contributions, but telling of the joy experienced in these contributions by the churches from which they come, and the earnest prayers that have followed the sending of money to this great work. At Columbus they have been able to raise enough to support a preacher missionary; \$500, and the treasurer says "rejoice with us." At Amory the collection was \$50 and the letter breathes a prayer that God will bless the gift to the good of souls.

Old Hebron had a great day with Williams to help Drummond and together they found no hard task in rounding \$162 cash while as much more will come later. At Calvary the church has in sight \$200, of which \$94 has been sent. Union in Tipah Association is happy over \$62.58. Bro. Bush is pastor at Collins, Salem and Seminary, and from these we count \$188. Two years ago at Galilee the contribution from one man to missions was \$2, but this year the church gives \$31.25 to foreign missions. I take off my hat to greet old Ebenezer on whose yard stands the monument to the first Baptist preacher of Mississippi, and whose tender care of the bishop emeritus is only in keeping with a noble past, and this gift of \$45 shows her interest in foreign missions. But here is another Ebenezer whose faith and patience are ever enlarging as is their interest in missions as their gift of \$48 doth testify.

The good-byes will soon be said to Bro. Thames as he puts down the burdens at Waynesboro and Shady Grove to assume those at Macon, but before he goes his churches send greetings with \$43. Do you know about Tylertown where Scarbor-

ough blazed the way and Sibley followed, and where the modest and retiring Davis now breaks the bread of life to a young but vigorous body somewhat burdened at home with a building, but with a heart for the mission work, and money also, as witness these \$67.90.

Sharon is in the lovely country east of Brooksville, and here the spirit of missions lives in the choice men and women of that church few in number but always ready for the service of Him whose name they bear. The contribution is \$45.30. From Okolona the contribution has come in detachments aggregating 15, an earnest of what this good church will do when the traces are stretched to their utmost. The mission church at Hattiesburg where Derrick and the church have succeeded in getting their new church house—how they scarcely know, and the friends who helped scarcely know, but they are not altogether occupied in home affairs for they have put \$85.00 also in missions.

Magnolia and Brookhaven are close neighbors on other than distance of miles, for in same mail one say \$100.00 and the other \$101.95. Kimbrough, of Tupelo, is rejoicing over a new thing in the world, that Tupelo has a right to name a delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, a right that in a few more years I dare say will be in the hands of a large number of our churches. By the by, this makes me think of a request that Secretary Willingham made of me a few years ago, to give him the names of all the churches in Mississippi that gave as much as \$100.00 to F. M. and do you know that I could count them on my fingers and have some fingers uncounted—but how different now—for even while I write here is Utica well on the way to \$300.00, and Laurel that four years ago was in 'inocuous desuetude' has doubled that amount, while Lexington, the home of my childhood, the church of my sainted parents, and the one spot on earth for which I shall ever cherish the fondest remembrances has entered and passed beyond this list.

One more Sunday remains and a full week to gather up the fragments before the books are closed. Every Mississippi Baptist who loves missions has been praying and working that we meet the request of the Boards. How often has this wish been repeated in the letters that have come with words of cheer and gifts of love. We now have \$13,000 plus for F. M. and \$5,000 plus for H. M. In the same time last year there came to me \$7,372.00. If this history be repeated we will—well we will not deal in futures, but in the language of that little child's hymn, "We will work, we we will pray," and may our God give us a great victory. All amounts in my hands by noon of the 30th will be reported to Richmond and Atlanta by telegram.

A. V. ROWE.

Organization at Ora.

A Baptist church was organized at Ora, Miss., on Sunday, April 10, 1904. The presbytery was composed of T. D. Bush, S. Morris and J. W. Steen, ministers and J. F. Williamson, J. R. Duckworth, A. S. Duckworth, A. L. Rogers, J. C. Thames, D. C. Rogers, H. A. Stovall and N. W. Hemby, deacons.

T. D. Bush was elected as moderator and J. W. Steen clerk. The moderator then called for letters, from those going into the organization; when twenty-nine were handed to the clerk. These letters were read and the bearers expressed themselves as satisfied with one another and willing to go into the organization. Six were then received under the watchcare of the church, having failed to procure letters in time for the organization.

The church then adopted the Articles of Faith, Covenant and Rules of Order, found in The Baptist Book Concern's "Church Roll and Record."

Bro. O. L. Benway was then elected as deacon, having been ordained by his home church in Rock Island, Ill.

The church then appointed Monday evening, April 11, as the time for the first business meeting.

Bro. S. Morris suggested that we start right by making a contribution to Missions. The suggestion met with approval and a contribution of \$7.75 was soon in hand. Bro. Benway while reading the minutes Monday morning said, "How will it do to make this \$10.00 instead of \$7.75?" and he did.

Bro. Morris preached an instructive sermon Sunday night, and one member was received after the service.

In the business meeting Monday evening Bro. James Prestridge was chosen clerk, Bro. Thornton deacon, and Bro. Z. Duckworth treasurer. J. W. Steen was chosen as pastor for the balance of this year, to give two Sundays' service each month, the second and fourth.

In view of the fact that the church is composed of such a band of earnest Christian men and women as it is, we see no reason why it will not do great things for the Lord. Bro. Benway is superintendent of the Sunday School and is leading it to great success. He has also bought the History of the Baptists of Mississippi and subscribed for THE BAPTIST, so you see, brethren, he is falling into line for greater service. He is a very busy "saw mill man," but he is not too busy to serve the Lord. I think his service condemns severely those who claim that they are too busy to serve the Lord. I am saying these things about Bro. Benway without his knowledge of it, but feel that he deserves it. Brethren, pray for this little band, that its path may be strewn with many great achievements for our God.

LEAF RIVER.

The third Sunday in March was Mission Day at this church and we did well, too. The pastor had been especially preparing for it a few months in advance, and he feels sure that God blessed his efforts. The

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amount asked for was \$35 00, which was an increase of about 25 per cent. over last year. But the people did not stop at \$35 00, \$45.00 was the amount given that day and one brother who was not there Sunday gave \$1.00 to the church treasurer the next day, making \$46 00 in all. Brethren, you will hear from us again before this year closes. God has abundantly blessed the people and they are expressing their appreciation of it by paying what they are due the Lord, a greater part of it at least. Bro. Ed. Byrd was with us Saturday and yesterday in the interest of the Sunday School. His talks were fine both days. He was in the Sunday School Sunday morning and showed us how to teach a Bible class. The people, many of them, expressed themselves as well pleased and also expressed a determination to do better service in this work. And some who have not taken any part at all that they are going to do so. I am sure that Bro. Byrd's efforts have not been in vain.

Yours in the Lord's work,

J. W. STEEN.

Clinton, Miss., April 18, 1904.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Bro. T. T. Martin has completely captured our city. He had large audiences from the beginning. He has no clap-trap methods in his meetings. His only invitation is to make a public declaration of faith in Christ and join the church. He is far removed from a sensationalist. He is by far the finest expounder of God's Word among all the evangelists I know. This city was never so deeply or generally stirred. The good of the meeting will not die with his leaving us. His coming has brought an abiding blessing to our church. I believe we are better equipped to do God's service now than ever before. He has helped toward righting wrong things in our lives. We love each other better, we are better prepared to keep step in our march for the conquest of the world for Christ. Up to this date we have had 64 additions, 49 of them for baptism.

To God be all the glory.

I. P. TROTTER.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Good Words.

Enclosed find "price" for your paper. I want to be in touch with the brotherhood of this great State, and I know of no other or better way than to have the weekly visits of your valuable paper. I have many friends among the ministry in Mississippi, about whom, and whose work, I expect to learn from reading THE BAPTIST. Being from Missouri I shall expect you to "show me," and I'll do my best to learn your ways. I am about to be domiciled in this rather quiet Mississippi town and am already falling in love—with the brethren. Over in Missouri things are astir from a moral and political standpoint. A great "local option" fight is being waged in Southeast Missouri, and out of the eight counties which have recently held elections six have gone "dry." This too,

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mark you, in Southeast Missouri. Our own great Baptist circuit attorney, Joe Folk, the father of the "Missouri Ides," has practically driven his three opponents from the field in the race for governorship having now 158 uncontested delegates, or more than all his opponents. The machine has practically surrendered and Folk is a presidential possibility. We Missourians are proud of him. In Charleston, where I have been pastor for two and one-half years, they are casting about for a good man, and if you know of one you can spare you may "cite them." That is a fine church, and the right man will do a great work there. The moral atmosphere is much better than when I went there. After two years of hard fighting we succeeded in driving the saloons from the county (Miss.) last December, and then in the primaries held in March we elected, or nominated, good men who will enforce the local option laws.

It was a struggle for us to leave Charleston and Missouri, but since God seems to have led me here, brethren, I want to be a man among you to help on the Lord's work. Amory is an important point, being a "division" on the Frisco between Memphis and Birmingham. It is a railroad town, and the Baptists have made a decided forward move by taking all time. They have the men and the money and are willing to separate these two great forces for God's glory. They give their pastor a home and pay his salary quarterly in advance, and that makes him feel very much at home.

I ran over to Tupelo to see my old friend and schoolmate, Bro. R. A. Kimbrough, who is responsible for my imposition on the State. I found him and his helpmate quite happy in the midst of a remarkably successful pastorate. Kimbrough is great and will succeed anywhere. His church has recently made the greatest offering to missions in her history. That is Kimbrough.

Fraternally,

W. ALEX. JORDAN.

Amory, Miss., April 19, 1904.

A Baptist Opportunity.

It is with great interest that I have heard of the plan to get the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint in May a commission to report on methods for enlarging the Baptist work among the negroes.

It is settled that the two races in the South must live separately. If this is true, the weaker race must be carried, must be a burden, or must carry itself. All experience in government—from practice in directing a school to the solving of difficulties in colonial administration—points out that the easiest and safest method is to teach the subject to carry himself—not be a burden.

If the negroes are to learn to carry themselves they must have leaders of their own race. Their most effective leaders are their teachers and preachers. The influence of these is direct, and if it were always of the best quality it would not take long for it to leaven the whole lump.

Unfortunately it has often turned out

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that the negro preachers have been "ministers of unrighteousness." Any movement, therefore, which aims to raise the standard of character among them, which looks to giving them a thorough knowledge of the English Bible, to giving them the pure gospel in English, will surely have the enthusiastic support of thinking Baptists. It has been well said that it is not so important for negro preachers to learn to read the Ten Commandments in Hebrew as it is to learn to obey them in English.

As a Mississippian and a Baptist, I want to endorse the plan to enlarge our religious work among our wards, the negroes; and I am sincerely sorry to be too far away to attend the Convention and hear the discussion when the question is brought up.

H. A. VANLANDINGHAM.

Nordhoff, California.

Correction.

The Sunday School Institute of the Chickasaw Baptist Association will meet this year with the Tula Baptist Church on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, at 10 o'clock a. m., instead of April as is stated in the Associational minutes. All Sunday Schools in this association will please take notice of this correction. You will find programs for this meeting published in said minutes.

V. B. TUCKER,
Clerk of Association.

An Open Letter to the Churches.

It is not uncommon to hear professed Christians say that they would not give up their hope in Christ for the wealth of the world. And yet professed Christians will live and die with hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars and do comparatively nothing for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world. And all this right in the face of the fact that there are thousands of destitute places without the Gospel in our own land, not to speak of the foreign field. And, also, in the face of the fact that there are hundreds of consecrated young men in our theological schools and colleges, and throughout our country, who would like to go out and preach the gospel in those destitute places. "How can they preach, except they be sent; and how can they hear without a preacher?" The mission boards claim that they can get the men if they had the money. Now, as Christians prize their hope in Christ so highly, and are so rich through the grace of God, they should give more for the spread of the gospel. Our divine Master left His home in glory and came to a sinful world, and gave His life a ransom for the redemption of mankind. This was a sacrifice great and wonderful indeed, and it means sacrifice on the part of the followers. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." If people who possess large wealth, and who do comparatively nothing for the spread of the Gospel, or the good of humanity, should be so fortunate as to get to heaven, it is difficult to see how they could walk the golden streets of the new Jerusalem and enjoy the glories of

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heaven with good grace. It would seem that they would be oppressed with a sense of sorrow and regret throughout the ages of eternity for neglecting to use their means for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world. But it is a sad fact that it is likely that such characters are not in a spiritual condition to enter heaven.

When we consider the vast amounts spent in useless worldliness and the small amounts given for the spread of the gospel it is nothing more than a sin and a shame on the face of the earth.

Yes, a sinful shame, that will be visited with divine retribution if there is not a change. It would seem that people do not comprehend the meaning of Christianity. Now, the majority of the large fortunes are in the hands of professed Christians, but they are not using them to the extent they should for the advancement of Christianity. We know there are many noble souls who are using their wealth to great good and advantage; but they are the exception rather than the rule. On the other hand, there are thousands of professed Christians who are squandering their wealth in useless worldliness, to their own sin and shame, and to the great detriment of humanity and Christianity. John Ruskin said: "If a man takes more from the world than he returns in benefit, then he has robbed the world to the extent of the difference. In other words, if you possess a million dollars, you must do a million's worth of good, or else you are not worth your room in the world. If you take more than you return, you are a pauper in character, and the balance of the account is against you. The true measure of life is the sum total of the good accomplished. The great question is, What have you done to uplift humanity and to make the world better. If nothing, then you are a blank and a pauper in heaven's great account."

Some of the wealthy are donating large amounts to the cause of education. This is all right, and good, but why is it we do not have larger gifts to Christian missions? Do men want to benefit humanity? Here is the best field for investment. In this day of Christian light and civilization there ought to be Christians large-hearted enough to give millions for the advancement of Christianity. The mission boards of the Christian churches should be endowed with millions of dollars. There are persons in this country who could give a million dollars and not sacrifice one iota of personal comfort. There are at least a thousand who could give a hundred thousand dollars and not sacrifice one personal advantage. There are at least one hundred thousand who could give one thousand dollars and not sacrifice one personal comfort. This would send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Is there anything too good for Christ and His kingdom? Is not Christianity the greatest and best thing in the world? If not, what is? We should remember that it matters not how much we give to the cause of Christ; we can only pay a small portion of the great debt we owe.

We are constantly hearing it said that this is an age of materialism. The Christian ministry are everywhere saying that this is an age of spiritual dearth, and that the churches are losing their hold on the people. Do we wonder at it, when we are dallying and playing at Christianity, while the work is perishing for the gospel of truth. In proportion to our means, ability and enlightenment it is likely that less is being done for the spread of the gospel than in any other age of Christianity. If there is not an awakening in this direction to a sense of duty and responsibility to God and humanity we have nothing to expect but the dire chastisements of Almighty God.

"Will a man rob God? Yes, ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. iii:8-10.)

"Waft! waft ye winds the story!
And you ye waters roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole."

J. W. OGDEN.

Lynchburg, Va.

Query.

Will someone tell me through THE BAPTIST when Christ organized the church.

A. DEACON.

Okolona.

We have just closed a glorious two weeks meeting. There were 19 additions to the church, 15 professions of faith. 14 of these will be baptized next Thursday night. The church has been greatly revived. Old troubles of several years standing have been settled. Members who were staying away from the church have come back, and are now among our most earnest workers. Old members say the church is in better condition than she has been for a number of years. Members of all denominations say this is the best meeting that has been held in Okolona for several years. At the close of the service last night 27 stood requesting to be prayed for. The pastor H. A. Smoot conducted the meetings preaching twice a day for the 15 days. The Lord has graciously blessed us, and to Him be all the honor, glory and praise.

H. A. SMOOT, pastor.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said a cigarette; "but I can add to a boy's nervous troubles, I can subtract from his physical energy, I can multiply his aches and pains, and I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work and discount his chances of success."—The Union Signal.

Take the Sunday-school with you through the week and sweeten with it all the other days.—Longfellow.

Two Noble Volumes, With Some Lessons.

BY J. B. GAMBRELL, in Standard.

I have recently received from the publishers, Brethren Z. T. Leavell and T. J. Bailey, Jackson, Miss., two volumes of Mississippi Baptist history, of some 700 pages each. The work to prepare these two volumes in the painstaking manner which characterizes them was enormous. They reflect great credit on the writers and are of untold value to one who really wishes to understand what has gone on in Mississippi among Baptists from the beginning up to the present.

It is not the purpose of this article to enter into a discussion of either the plan of work or any of its details, but rather to present a kind of summary, and draw some lessons.

There is a remarkable similarity in the development of Baptist interests in Mississippi and in Texas. The first settlement of Baptists was in Southwest Mississippi, but the springs of Baptist influence and power in Mississippi have their origin in the older States, North Mississippi receiving its first Baptists mainly from South Carolina and Georgia. In the beginnings the Baptist settlements were remote, and the cause really spread out over the territory from many independent centers. It was the same way in Texas. In Mississippi, as in Texas, from time to time, there were a number of general bodies located in different sections of the State, and gathered generally around a few influential men, representing in some particular local interests. The early developments of no State are even and broad. Very early in the history of the State a college was founded in Clinton, Miss. Like young institutions in a young country, it had many vicissitudes, and finally, by the consent of all interested, it was given, lock and barrel, to the Baptists. A curious thing connected with the early history of Mississippi College was the fact that women were admitted. There were two women graduates of the college in the far back ante-bellum days, and their diplomas were graven on plates of gold. Mississippi College has, perhaps, done more than any other one agency in the construction of Baptist work in the State, but it has had many dark days under the Baptists. Its graduates were the first, after the war, to organize a movement for the upbuilding of waste places, and Mississippi College men have been among the first men in that State and many others. I will recall the second meeting of the Convention I ever attended. The little group of Mississippi College men, J. A. Hackett, A. A. Lomax, T. J. Walne, with some others, strangers to me then, were, as seen by a young man from the north of the State, the most vital part of the small Convention.

Like other States, there were not a few school enterprises projected and operated for awhile, but terminated at last in failure, and there were, perhaps, more newspaper enterprises of the same sort.

The most important part of the history

under review is that part which treats of the constructive period of the State, denominationally. Soon after the war, General M. P. Lowrey, a man who stood head and shoulders above most of his fellow workers, became editor of the Mississippi department of the Baptist at Memphis. It is hard for one not acquainted with the conditions obtaining at that time to understand the value of General Lowrey's mediating work. The group of Mississippi College men, mostly in the central part of the State, could always be counted on for any wise constructive enterprise. What was practically needed was a strong, conservative builder, who could be influential in the North of the State. General Lowrey was that man. As president of the Convention and editor for the State, his mediating work was of the highest value. It made possible the great constructive work of later years, which was undertaken by a State paper, projected and controlled in an effective way by the Convention. When this constructive work began, in dead earnest, the brotherhood of the State, at large, knew but little of each other. The college was weak. Dr. Walne, now of Texas, had been Secretary of the State Board but a little while. The Baptist Record had to make a ground start and pass along away strewn with the skeletons of dead Baptist papers. M. T. Martin was a heroic factor in the situation, and did a work for Mississippi Baptists, in several ways, hard to ever estimate. The plan of campaign from the beginning was to magnify the great things, missions, education, co-operation and the like, and to minify the small and inconsequential things. The conditions then were in many respects very much as they are in the West today. Local feeling predominated in many sections. There were local peculiarities. Each section had its own leaders. The debating spirit ran high. Religious fads abounded, and conservative, constructive wisdom was regarded by many as evidence of unsoundness or lack of backbone. As soon as the forward, constructive movement got under way, all the natural elements of opposition began to show themselves. Newspapers fanned the prejudices. Cries of centralization, church independence, church sovereignty, extravagance in mission work, bossism, and everything heard in Texas today, ran up and down the State. Men's personal feelings became involved, and the personal element along with the newspaper element had a wide and easy swing.

It was easy to dissatisfy people about things new to them, and the real intention of the workers was grossly misrepresented. Then, as now, there were many adversaries and open doors. The wrath of man, praised the Lord, and the things which were falling out, were constantly falling out to the furtherance of the gospel. This sort of thing went on for years, the constructive force gaining, though meeting with many rebuffs. Large associations sometimes would not hear the secretary, and as to the editor of the Record, some thought that he had risen up to destroy

the foundation of the faith, because there were some things he did not believe, and on occasions was free to say so.

Year after year, the work was pressed to the front. Timid men and women waxed valiant in fight, and from every battlefield came off more than conquerors, for they came away, not only having carried their point, but having won the people to it. And in the wind up of all of it, the old line Baptist principles prevailed. Alienations passed away. The unification of forces, to a remarkable degree, was effected, local feeling gave way to larger things, the Baptist mind was awakened and saw that the Baptists have a common interest, and that whatever stands in the way of the progress of the cause is, like to fare pretty poorly in the final reckoning with enlightened public opinion.

President Mullins was in my office this week. He had been to Mississippi, and remarked that no State South is in finer condition to grow and do well. The stumps have been pulled, the roots of bitterness have rotted out, the soil is mellow, the denomination facing in the right direction, and from center to circumference, there is a noble fellowship. All this is very delightful to one who had some little part in bringing it about.

There are some reflections that are pertinent to our present situation in Texas which, in every essential detail, is a reproduction of what used to be in Mississippi, drawn out on the larger map of Texas. I may make a few statements touching the vital points. First, every effort to resist the larger and healthier and better views by prejudice or injecting false issues or by personal influence, failed. The newspapers engaged in the effort waned. In the method of war against all advance missionary movement—I mean the methods of attack which were as common in England on Carey and Fuller; in the early days in America on Rice, Judson Boardman and the others—the one result followed, failure. Always failure, inevitable failure, complete failure, for God is the God of missions, and whoever opposes missions, fights not with man but with God. And going with this, it can be said that no one man who sunk himself in the great effort to bring God's people together to serve Him worthily ever suffered.

Second, looking over the field today, it is singularly free from fads. Religious fadism is always the product of a weak general Christian life, or else a deranged Christian life. With the coming in of sane, conservative progress and well-rounded policies, fads fail. The larger things catch the people, the better things appeal to their hearts, and the fadist has an increasingly hard time, until he is gathered to his fathers.

Third, out of every great, moral conflict of the human race for higher and better things come compensations abundant and satisfying. How glorious the situation in Mississippi today! The college, which a few men and women carried for years by private subscriptions, unknown to the multitudes, has become a tremendous factor,

not only in the denominational life of the denomination, but in the civic life of the entire people. The State Board has its work modeled precisely as in Texas, and its success in getting on its feet is recognized everywhere as a great blessing to the people. The brethren have come to realize that they have need of each other, and altogether, there are but a few men in the State who would throw the denomination into fits if they could, and they are so impotent that their presence is hardly known, and the place which now knows them will soon know them no more forever. Out of this condition grows not only the blessed fellowship of the brotherhood, but their rapid progress in every direction, and this is what will come to pass all over the Southwest in the fulness of time.

Dallas, Texas.

Field Notes.

THE BAPTIST tramp has been shaking hands with the saints on the line of the I. C. the past two weeks. Wesson, Brookhaven, Boguechitto, Summit, McComb, Magnolia, Osyka and Kentwood, were visited, and truly the State paper has many friends in these towns.

The bishop of Wesson was from home aiding Pastor Moore in a series of meetings. The cause at Wesson it was learned is moving forward. While here the tramp was hospitably entertained in the home of Brother Morris and his widowed daughter, Mrs. S. S. Nettles, whose noble husband was called home to heaven some years ago from Louisiana. She is training for future usefulness four sons and one daughter. May riches of grace be hers and theirs.

Brookhaven. Brother Purser, the pastor, was away assisting Brother Hewett at Columbia in a gracious meeting. He came in before the tramp left and reported a fine meeting. The church under his wise administration is doing a great work. Enlargement is the watchword here. A talk to his people at prayer meeting and a night's sojourn in the home of Brother Turnbough together with renewals, etc., made the stay pleasant and profitable.

Boguechitto. The beloved Hemby is bishop here. He feeds the saints on the pure word and thus they grow. While here it was the pleasure of this scribe to renew fellowship with his old army comrade, A. M. Hunsucker. He and the writer were members of Co. K, 11th Alabama and spent four years in old Virginia. Well, it will be only when the old vets. are all dead that we shall cease to enjoy these reunions. Of course the tramp shared the hospitality of his old comrade.

Summit. Pastor T. C. Schilling leads the flock here. It had been his purpose to hold a series of meetings beginning on the third Sabbath but owing to the prevalence of measles in the town it was thought best to postpone for two weeks. The tramp had the pleasure of hearing him in the morning. In the evening it fell to this scribe's lot to preach. The pastor's sermon was designed to arouse mission senti-



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ment. As a part of the morning exercises maps and charts of the foreign fields were used and with good effect. Envelops were distributed and the brethren urged to be liberal, etc.

McComb. Bishops Pugh and Quin were found giving their prayers and presence to revival services in the M. E. Church. Rev. Nickerbocker, of Dallas, Texas, was doing the preaching. The interest seemed to be good, and quite a number had expressed the purpose to unite with the church. Owing to the demands of the meetings on the ladies, the tramp found it somewhat difficult to look after THE BAPTIST interests. Brother Quin gave ye scribe one-half a day and the use of his horse and buggy, which relieved the situation somewhat. By the way, this young bishop and his charming young wife have set up housekeeping, and the tramp was given to understand that a prophet's cot was located in the home. Well, that is nice.

Magnolia. This is a good town for preachers, Thigpen, Lane, Schilling, and others breathe its balmy atmosphere. Through the courtesy of Brother Huff, a nice horse and buggy were placed at the disposal of Brother Lane and the tramp. Brother Lane is a most companionable brother, and through the day many homes were visited and upon the whole it was enjoyable. At night the tramp talked to the people and seemingly the talk was enjoyed.

The tramp enjoyed the pleasure of a stay in the home of Brother J. P. Tull and his charming wife, Miss May. She is ye editor's daughter and at one time on intimate terms with the office, the tramp felt much at home. Little Miss Maxine was quite friendly with this scribe. Perhaps she thought him her grandpapa.

Osyka. A day and night spent in the home of Dr. Nesmith and Sister N. was greatly enjoyed. These are fast friends of the paper and also loyal friends of the Master. Renewals and some new friends rewarded the visit.

Kentwood, La. A day and night were spent in the home of Deacon Lea. THE BAPTIST has some good friends here, but the tramp does not suggest that the Louisiana State paper should be ignored, nor

does he offer THE BAPTIST for less than he offers it to home folks.

But these notes are growing lengthy. More anon. O. M. LUCAS.

Good Outlook at Biloxi.

We have just rounded up our mission collection for this year which amounts to \$109 01. We had a fine Sunday school yesterday morning, good service and good congregation at 11 a. m. At 4 p. m. I preached to the old soldiers at the Home-Bauvoir. 7:30 p. m., good Young People's meeting. At 8:15 p. m., preached to a large congregation, deep interest—some ten or twelve gave the hand for prayer. Four were approved for baptism. The meeting protracts. We look for Bro. John P. Culpepper Tuesday. Will continue ten or twelve days. We ask the prayers of your readers.

J. B. SEARCY.

Biloxi, Miss., April 25, 1904.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

Edwards and Utica, under the leadership of Bishop Cochran sends up nearly \$600 00 for Home and Foreign Missions.

Bro. J. William Jones while enroute to Clinton, Miss., to deliver a lecture on "The Boys in Gray" honored us with his presence. It is indeed a treat to hear this brother talk.

From the Eastward.

After considerable correspondence, no little disappointment and a whole week of personal effort to conserve the situation our pastor, Dr. Venable, succeeded in forming an evangelistic combination that with the divine help brought one of the best revivals to Meridian that we have yet had in these several years.

Bro. J. A. Brown, the well known harper, with his splendid and beautiful harp of gold-like appearance and silver-tone, was in at the beginning and while leading the choir with constantly fine effect, interluded all of the services with high class solos to the harp accompaniment full of pathos and greatly inspiring a devout and worshipful spirit.

The pastor was done with the Lord in the pulpit for a week, as we "waited" for the forthcoming preacher, providentially delayed, but you may know it was no idle waiting, either as to the quality, force or effect of the preaching.

The revival was well under way when the long expected preacher arrived, with perhaps ten or a dozen already gathered in. Dr. J. L. Gross of Selma, Ala., got in on Monday morning of the second week and from that time on to the close, twelve or thirteen days held forth the Word of Life in that good old fashion way that always pleases, interests, convinces and converts, and it seemed good to the Holy Spirit to make it potentially effective in the mission whereunto the Lord had sent it. The rounding up showed a fine revival glow of improved Christian life, which yet holds and scintillates not only in the faces and speech of the people, but in the increased gathering and *esprit de corps* of the whole church, and a gain in substantial members that runs up into the fifties. Such meetings as our late one, and such Bible preaching as that done by Bro. Gross, and such gospel singing as our harpist Bro. Brown gave us, were all timely and opportune, just now, in our city, when there are so many fads of religion of the ornate and exaggerated type. The salvationists, the Doweysites, the Materialistic cold storage, and the Holiness hot blast, etc., are all with us spasmodically and in spots and were it not for the persistent "patient continuance" of the rolling of the stone cut out of the mountain "without hands" in the form of this conservative Bible religion and its methods, the very elect themselves might be deceived and led astray.

Our people at Shubuta have recently had their sympathies fully drawn out with our brother and sister, Rev. J. M. Phillips in the fearful accident that overtook their oldest son, Mr. Ben Phillips of that place. He was one of the chief constructors of a great bridge that was being erected over the Chickasahay river at Enterprise where that stream has its widest spread and perhaps highest bluffs. When nearing the finish, a scaffold gave way and precipitated him a distance of more than fifty feet to the dry river bed where an unwelcome assemblage of board, timber and rocks gave him a very inhospitable reception disloca-

ting a wrist and breaking a bone in the same forearm. His present condition however is favorable and his people look hopefully for an early and complete recovery. "Mr. Ben" is a fine young fellow with the possibilities of a noble career before him, a young, intelligent, energetic and resourceful Christian gentleman and an honor to his parents and his community.

In love, your brother,

J. A. H.

A Subject Under Discussion.

The Pastor's Association of the Cold-water Association met with the Pastor of the Senatobia Church on Tuesday April 12th, at 10 o'clock and continued two days. Several questions of importance to the pastor were discussed and the meeting was full of enthusiasm and spirituality from the beginning to the close. I would that space could be given for all the good things that were said but since this is out of the question we beg that a brief outline of the discussion of one question be inserted for the benefit of brother pastors. In it is food for thought. The question was: "Reasons why People do not Attend Church." It seems to be a universal cry that people do not attend church. There is a lethargy, indifference and spiritual dearth all over our country. For this there are some reasons or causes, for we never have an effect without a cause. It was argued that the pastors are in a large measure to blame. When the term pastor is used ministers of all denominations are meant. The lives of the preachers do not always comport with their high calling. He oftentimes allows himself to become entangled with the affairs of the world. He is sometimes seen at places of questionable amusement. When this is the case the people lose that high regard for him they should have. He is their leader and they are willing to follow one in whom they have the utmost confidence. Then the preacher is like the rest of the human family, he loves to be flattered. He courts the favor of the people and it is frequently the case that he seeks to please men rather than God. He oftentimes goes so far as to warp God's truth in order to avoid offending some prominent member in his church perhaps. He can not afford to antagonize Deacon A. His "job" is at stake, and he must preach to suit the church, rather than the great Head of the church. When this is done, and no one will dare deny that it is done, the people lose respect for the church and it comes down upon a level with the fraternal orders. It was argued that fraternal orders were claiming so much of the time of our people that none is left for the worship at God's house. In the third place, many of our churches have married and intermarried those of a different faith which according to the Book causes disagreement, for it is written: "How can they walk together except they be agreed." The result is in very many cases they do not walk together at all towards God's house. A fourth reason is the great wave of prosperity that is

sweeping our country. The world is in a mighty rush to accumulate wealth. Men toil week in and week out to make money, and a great many are successful in this. It has been the history of all nations that when they were prosperous they forgot God, and the way by which they have been brought to realize their duty to Him is by having their wealth swept from them, as it was done in the great business panic in New York, which resulted in what is known as the "Black Friday." Oh seeker after wealth rather than God, Beware! Beware!

A multiplicity of churches is another reason why people do not attend the worship as often as they might. They fail to attend one Sunday and reason that it matters but little whether I go today or not for I can go next Sunday. The next Sunday comes and some other excuse is rendered and soon they get out of the habit of going, they have lost interest in the worship and they find it difficult to return again. The last and perhaps the greatest reason that can be offered is that falling away is the fulfillment of the Scripture that tells us in the latter days the people will turn from God. We are beyond all question of doubt not far from the return of Christ and we know He will not come except there be a falling away. Can it be that this "falling away" is upon us now? Perhaps so, and we may expect the glorious appearance of the Master at any time. So come, Lord Jesus. To the readers of THE BAPTIST who are not ministers, have you neglected the worship at God's house? Do any of the above reasons fit your case? If so, rectify your course now and return unto the Lord ere you visit His wrath upon you. X.

The *Epworth Herald* is responsible for the following incident, and comments thereon. Some other folks are responsible for the facts stated in the comments. The "punch bowls" in many Christian homes, keeping company with gambling at cards for prizes, introduce not a few young men and women to the road whose end is hell. The *Herald* says: "A dive keeper in a 'tough' street was visited by some white-ribbon crusaders. He said to them: 'What are you doing here? Don't you know that this is the place where we punch tickets for hell the last time? Why don't you stop them up-town before they get on the train?' The 'respectable' saloon, the dining-room where wine is fashionably used, the elite grocery store where bottled liquors are sold, are among the stations up the line. Though a young man may board the train at one of these points at the beginning of the road, if he continues his journey he is pretty sure to reach the state where the tickets for hell are punched for the last time—Christian Index.

Pride.

In Proverbs 6th chapter and 17th verse we find these words:

"A proud look, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood, these are among the seven things that God hates."

Prov. 16:5: "Every man that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord." Prov. 16:18: "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:19: "Better to be of an humble spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud." Prov. 22:4: "An high look and a proud heart and the ploughing of the wicked is sin. God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble." Malachi 4:1: "Behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven and all the proud and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Isaiah, 3rd chapter, 15-19, 21-23 verses: "What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces and grind the faces of the poor; saith the Lord of hosts. Moreover the Lord saith because the Daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes walking and mincing as they go and making a tinkling with their feet. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls and their round tires like the moon, the chains and the bracelets and the mufflers, the rings, the nose jewels, the glasses, the fine linen, the hoods and the vails."

In our day is it not so that pride is destroying the spirituality of our churches, hindering the cause of missions, causing the work among the poor and needy, the widows and orphans to be neglected, keeping the poor away from the Lord's house? Christian women of Mississippi, let us begin now to give what is spent for jewelry and fine dress into the Lord's treasury, and see if you will not receive a blessing. Read Malachi 3rd chapter, 9, 10 verses: "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Yielded.

Wife and I perused THE BAPTIST a Sabbath afternoon while resting for the night sermon, and our eyes fell on the announcement of the Minister's Conference the following day in Hattiesburg. She said: "Go." I yielded, after some parley. The wife often has a level head as to the needs of her husband.

On getting there, they were down at prayer. This is one way the great Jackson imitated his Lord—he began all his undertakings with prayer.

On entering, I recognized the Lord as one of the company, for He was inspiring all to sing in the Spirit: "How firm a foundation," and gave such delightful fellowship, which remained unabated throughout.

The Christly J. P. Williams presided and the brethren talked and prayed and sang and laughed as the Spirit moved. There

were seventeen—all preachers—in attendance, and there were no barren moments—not one in which the writer did not feel he must be a better man and do more for God.

These meetings are quarterly in the pastor's study in the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and the preachers of Southeast Mississippi are invited and urged to attend them.

I have not known what one missed in not attending until now. It would take far more room to tell it than I am going to occupy here.

Let all, henceforth, remember this Conference, and play the part of wisdom in the premises.

In the "fall" meeting it is thought to spend five days and have some "luminary" to lecture.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

A Suggestion.

I am a missionary from head to toe, and agree with all of my brethren on this subject as far as they have gone, although I don't think we have gone far enough in our State work. We need a white missionary to preach to the negro in our State. I think it would be one of the greatest helps in the way of putting down the many crimes committed by them. They need to be taught to follow instead of lead.

Yours truly,

A. G. F. RE.

[We have done to some extent the thing above suggested, and the resumption of such work is eminently worthy of our prayerful consideration.—Ed.]

Announcement.

I recently received a letter from Corresponding Secretary Foster of our State Convention stating that he would be unable to attend to the matter of arranging excursion rates over the railroads on the occasion of the Hattiesburg Convention, and that I have taken the matter in hand and have about completed arrangements for rates. In due time the rates, conditions, etc., will be published in THE BAPTIST.

Yours truly,

JOHN P. HEMBY.

Useless Collections.

A traveler in England came one day upon a cottager in whose house she rested a while after a ramble. The hospitable dame displayed to her astonished visitor three hundred pieces of tinware which she had collected, and fourteen lamps. "What do you do with them all?" was the curious inquiry, after due admiration had been paid to the amazing assortment. "Do with 'em, ma'am? I just has 'em and keeps 'em and shows 'em." As to using them, it was impossible as well as unnecessary, and more than that, the woman had no thought of using them. She grudged and skimped and stinted herself in her living to buy these things, and her sole enjoyment was in the exhibition of them.

One remembers a traveler's tale like this because it is rather unusual, but while one

seldom finds such a huge collection of useless tinware and lamps, one may not fare far without finding other useless collections. Many have on exhibition a prodigious assortment of fine theories for enlightening and improving the world which are never put to any service whatever. Others have tools and implements of all sorts in the way of advantages, opportunities, and appliances for helping others who simply add to them without using them. Even the world's workers in its various departments keep on hand a miscellaneous assortment of old methods and plans which they are constantly exhibiting to the curious but which are valueless in doing the world's work. Yet if one has on hand a showy collection, somehow it is gratifying and often entirely satisfying. Such hobbies as tinware and lamps are not harmless, though the wares are useful in themselves, because the collection takes time and room that should be otherwise used. Whatever is merely for show is a useless hoard. Look to it that heart and home have something better at hand than three hundred and fourteen pieces of anything just for show.—Sel.

Self-Consciousness.

Thoreau characteristically says: "If you want to know a man's faults, ask his friends. They will not tell you, but they know." It is because we believe so thoroughly in America and Americans that we interest ourselves in trying to find out our faults. One such occurs to us to which it seems worth while to call attention. This is our self-consciousness—a thing which does a vast deal toward hindering the freedom of the individual. It is this continual consciousness of self that makes us Americans so fearful of what our neighbors think of us, that hampers us in our thoughts, and that makes us less able to act as our right reasoning would dictate. The Englishman, for instance, sails along, calmly ignoring the whole world. This attitude is provocative of much humor at his expense, but does he not do better by himself than the man who is continually looking from the right to left to see what people about think of him? The latter is so busy that he has no time to realize. "Mind your own business and endeavor to be what you were made," says the quotable Thoreau. That is what we need to have drummed into us from day to day. How people take our jokes, how they like the cut of our frocks or our coats, whether they think we are affected because we acknowledge a liking for Browning—these are minor matters indeed; but it is over just such trifles that many of us waste precious moments and more precious brain matter. Let the man and the woman shake himself or herself free from the coils of what "they say" or "how it looks."

Let them be big enough not to bother about such little things. Let them think less about their own persons, and more how to enjoy, and profit by, and be good in the big, interesting world of people and things which is all about them.—April Woman's Home Companion.

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"Federation of Baptist Schools."

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin has a lengthy, and well written article on the above mentioned subject, which first appeared in the *Biblical Recorder*, and later in the *Baptist Argus*. Of the importance of his subject Dr. McGlothlin says, "To my mind, this is the most important question of policy, now before the Baptist denomination." With such views of his subject, we should expect the utterances of the learned Doctor to be well thought out, and matured. He begins by defining what "federation" means in the common use of that term, which seems to be a good way to begin, but says the "federation of Baptist schools, so far as it has been worked out in Texas and Virginia is something very different from this. These schools give up their independence and autonomy to another organization." The other organization referred to is the State Convention or General Association of each State respectively. This is the feature that Dr. McGlothlin does not like. He thinks autonomy, headship, or control of a Baptist school by a board of trustees nominated by a State Convention is exceedingly dangerous. He says, "The nomination of trustees by a central body inevitably draws that school into the whirl of denominational politics." The "central body" referred to is the State Convention or General Association of our State or the Southern Baptist Convention. He says, "If favor Baptist control, as opposed to denominational control, local democratic control, as opposed to distant centralized control." He must mean by this that he favors control of our schools by a local self-perpetuating board of trustees who are amenable to the denomination in any of its organized forms for the use or disposition of the property entrusted to them, or the character of the teaching of said schools. His opinion seems to be based on the fact as he supposes—that the nomination of trustees by a "central body" inevitably draws that school into the whirl of de-

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nominal politics." This language is a little stronger than a mere opinion—he asserts it as an "inevitable" fact. We are curious to have Dr. McGlothlin explain if the nomination of trustees by a "central body"—a State Convention—or the Southern Baptist Convention invariably draws the school into the whirl of denominational politics, how the work of State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and our Sunday-school Board is not "inevitably drawn into the whirl of denominational politics." A "Gospel Missioner" would accept the logic of this position at once. But how Dr. McGlothlin can do so, with his loyalty to the organized work, is a conundrum.

While Dr. McGlothlin is opposed to denominational control of our schools, he is not opposed to denominational co-operation in their support. He says, "we want co-operation and mutual helpfulness among our schools." This is common ground but how to obtain and retain it is the practical question. He truthfully says, "Control and responsibility are inseparable." Here seems to be the key to the situation. If our Baptist schools are absolutely controlled by a local self-perpetuating board of trustees, upon them rests the responsibility of the school. They cannot say to the denomination—this is your school and you are under obligation to support it, we are your servants under general control and the responsibility is upon you. But Dr. McGlothlin proposes to reach the end of obtaining denominational support by a different route. He says, "Our schools need the stimulus and financial help of the denomination at large. How can they get it? I should favor the raising of a large trust fund to be administered by a board of trustees elected partly by the State Convention and partly by the 'federated schools.'" This would be indeed a nice arrangement. But what would keep that part of the trustees of this big trust fund that were elected by the State Convention of any State from being "inevitably drawn into the whirl of denominational politics?" But granting that there is no difficulty at this point, what would prompt the denomination to raise "a large trust fund" to be administered by a board of trustees that acknowledged no denominational control? There is something grand in the conception of the Doctor's large trust fund, but like the man's flying machine 'though beautiful' and seemingly scientific it would not work. It will be a long time before Baptists will put up large money for schools without having control of the schools.

Notes and Comments.

Enon church at Sumner has raised \$100.00 for Foreign Missions. Splendid.

Blue Mountain Female College, always at the front, has decided to put in its building a steam-heating outfit. The contract will soon be let for the equipment of this otherwise up-to-date twentieth century school.

Remember, that the Seminary Banquet to be given at Nashville will be at 6:30 p. m., May 12th, and the price of a plate \$1.00.

The Jackson Second Church sends their check \$175.00 for Foreign Missions. If there is a mission church in the State that has done better, we have not yet heard of it.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of an invitation from Miss Lettice Lawrence Williams to attend the commencement exercises of the Woman's College, Oxford. There are twenty-one graduates, Miss Lettice being among the number.

Mr. Carnegie has just given \$5,000,000 in Steel Bonds for a "Hero Fund." These bonds are interest bearing at the rate of 5 per cent. So the annual income to this fund will be \$250,000. It is said that he has given to benevolences all told \$101,000,000.

The Missionary Union, which is to our Northern Baptist what the Foreign Mission Board is to us, had at the close of their fiscal year the small deficit of a little less than \$9,000.00, as against \$28,000.00 a year ago. Had they not enlarged their work, they would have had a nice balance to the credit of the fund.

We are indebted to Brethren Yarborough and Price for their kindness during the editor's illness. They not only looked after his personal welfare, but the interest of the paper as well. The assistance they so thoughtfully rendered, THE BAPTIST was very greatly appreciated. Truly "a friend in need is a friend indeed".

It was our pleasure to spend several days in the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Searcy, of Biloxi, Miss. They were exceedingly kind during our stay and the many courtesies shown us shall long be remembered. Dr. Searcy is doing a magnificent work here on the coast and the people are not slow to realize this fact.

We spent quite a pleasant day in Hattiesburg. Met a number of old friends and was fortunate in reaching the city during the revival at the First Baptist Church. Bro. Trotter was assisted in this meeting by Bro. T. T. Martin who rendered good service unto the Lord and was the instrument in saving a number of souls.

The First Church.

The First Baptist Church, this city, comes around with a good record on missions again this year. The offering for foreign missions for last year could have been duplicated but the church thought it wise after giving \$600 for the support of a missionary to give the difference to home missions. So the record will stand \$600 for foreign missions and over \$300 for home missions. W. F. Y.

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The Mississippi Dental Association.

The Mississippi Dental Association held its tenth annual session in the city of Jackson April 19, 20, 21. This was pronounced by all present to have been the best meeting in the history of the association. Many prominent men from other States and cities took part in the programme.

This is truly a progressive age and the dental profession is not to be found lacking in progress. The ranks of this wonderful profession are no longer controlled by the quack or charlatan, but by Christian gentlemen, who are doing a great work for humanity. The American dentist in his profession is the light of the world, and we are told that while our own State has a less pretentious body of dentists than some of the other States the percentage of ethical men is larger than any State in the union, which of itself is a compliment that all may enjoy.

The clinics and local arrangements of the meeting were in the hands of Dr. W. R. Wright, of Jackson, which of itself, as a visiting dentist put it, was a sufficient guarantee that the meeting would be a success. Dr. Wright's reputation as a highly successful dentist and organizer is not confined to his State by any means. He is also State chairman for the Fourth International Congress, which meets in St. Louis this year. Let the Dental Association continue to grow and do good.

Gloster.

Yesterday was foreign mission day with the First Baptist Church. The pastor asked the church for \$600, which was an increase of 20 per cent. over last year. The State of Mississippi was asked to increase her offering to foreign missions 20 per cent. this year and the First Church was asked to bear her part of the burden. The envelopes were distributed one week in advance and on yesterday before the sermon they were taken up. At the close of the sermon they were opened and were found to contain over \$600, with a few envelopes still to come in. They sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and had a thanksgiving prayer and went away rejoicing. The church and pastor were supremely happy.

W. A. McComb.

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The Gulf Coast Association.

The Gulf Coast Association will convene with the church at Gulfport on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May (the 20th) at 3:30 p. m. We hope to have you and Bro. Rowe and many other visiting brethren with us and trust the brethren will take due notice of the time and place of meeting and not disappoint us.

W. M. REESE,
Clerk G. C. Association.
Napoleon, Miss., April 23, 1904.

A story about Prince Edward of Wales is told in the *British Weekly*, and said to be perfectly true. He asked a lady who was visiting the royal nursery, "Do you think that my great-grand-mamma is quite happy in heaven?"

"Yes, dear," replied the lady; "don't you think so?"


"Well, I am not quite sure," answered the little chap. "You see, she will have to walk behind the angels there; and here she always walked in front."

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" Crusier.....	7:33am	4:43pm
" Semmes.....	7:40am	4:50pm
" Wilmer.....	7:57am	5:07pm
" Latonia.....	8:15am	5:23pm
" Brushy.....	8:20am	5:30pm
" Donovan.....	8:27am	5:37pm
" Evanston.....	8:35am	5:46pm
" Lucedale.....	8:40am	5:53pm
" Eubank.....	8:44am	6:04pm
" Bexley.....	9:02am	6:12pm
" Merrill.....	9:15am	6:25pm
" Leaf.....	9:32am	6:42pm
" McLain.....	9:45am	6:58pm
" Little Creek.....	9:55am	7:03pm
Ar. Beaumont.....	10:05am	7:17pm

South Bound.—Daily.

Stations.	No. 1.	No. 3.
Ar. Mobile.....	12:31pm	7:33pm
" Orchard.....	12:05pm	7:07pm
" Crusier.....	11:59am	7:01pm
" Semmes.....	11:53am	6:55pm
" Wilmer.....	11:37am	6:39pm
" Latonia.....	11:20am	6:22pm
" Brushy.....	11:13am	6:15pm
" Donovan.....	11:06am	6:08pm
" Evanston.....	10:57am	5:59pm
" Lucedale.....	10:51am	5:53pm
" Eubank.....	10:40am	5:39pm
" Bexley.....	10:32am	5:31pm
" Merrill.....	10:19am	5:18pm
" Leaf.....	10:02am	5:01pm
" McLain.....	9:48am	4:45pm
" Little Creek.....	9:38am	4:39pm
Lv. Beaumont.....	9:25am	4:25pm

NORTH BOUND.

No. 4.—Daily.	No. 1.
7:18pm Lv. Beaumont.....	Ar. 9:24am
7:34pm " Wingate.....	9:08am
7:41pm " New Augusta.....	9:01am
7:49pm " Mahnd.....	8:53am
8:04pm " Ragland.....	8:37am
8:13pm " McCallum.....	8:28am
8:35pm Ar. Hattiesburg.....	8:07am

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2.	No. 3.
10:10am Lv. Beaumont.....	Ar. 4:23pm
10:31am " Hintonville.....	4:02pm
10:51am " Richton.....	3:42pm
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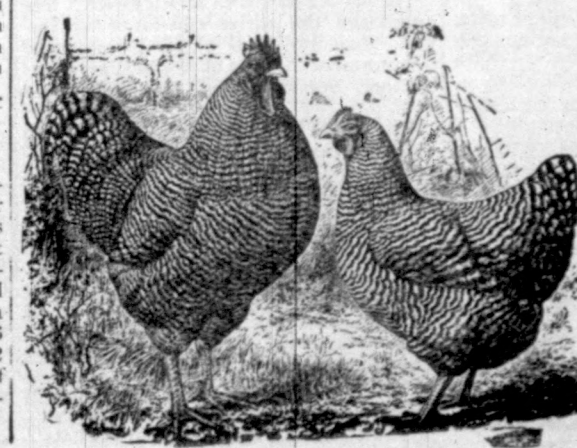
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May the Lord bless and comfort his bereaved wife, and lead his children into usefulness. E. E. THORNTON.

Mrs. J. C. Farrar.

The subject of this sketch was born in South Carolina, September 27, 1853, and came to Mississippi with her parents in early life. She united with the old Indian Creek (now Chapel Hill) church, Hinds county, in 1871, and was baptized by P. A. Haman.

On November 6, 1872, she was married to Rev. J. C. Farrar, from which union ten children issued. She fell on sleep in Christ from the effects of pneumonia, February 21, 1904, after a brief illness of nine days.

Sister Farrar was for many years a great sufferer, but bore it all in patience and meekness. In faith she was clear and strong, and in the end rejoiced in hope of the glory of God.

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Dr. J. L. Ritch.

God in His great wisdom and tender love saw fit to call Dr. J. L. Ritch from this busy life to his eternal reward. He was born in Alabama but has spent his active life as a physician at and near Pheba, Miss., where he was a member and supporter of the Baptist church.

To his friends he was true, to his family most affectionate and to his patrons liberal and faithful. On the 22nd of March, 1904, he laid down the armor and stepped into perfect victory. He laid down the cross and has gone to receive his God given crown.

His many friends, together with his wife and two little girls sadly miss him. But his Father has commissioned him to go ahead and beckon us on higher.

Dr. W. W. Nash.

Dr. W. W. Nash, of Pheba, Miss., is no more in this life. On the 28th of March, 1904, he finished a well run race, and entered into the reality of a strong faith. He quietly and consciously laid aside the mortal to be clothed upon with the glorious immortality.

He spent all of his mature life (twenty-two years) in administering, in a medical way, to the suffering in his community, and much of it was done gratuitously among the poor.

As a citizen he was unflinching and true. As a father and husband he was devoted, and as a Christian was faithful. He never failed a friend, he never harmed an enemy. He leaves a wife and four children with many friends to lament his loss. But we know that our sad loss is his happy gain. We miss him

for what he was to us. God took him to work His will both in him and us. God's will be done.

Mrs. J. W. Molpus.

On Saturday morning the 27th of February, the death angel came into the home of Dr. J. W. Molpus and called his good wife hence. She was sick but a few days. Mrs. Molpus was an exemplary woman—an affectionate wife, devoted mother and an excellent Christian. She leaves a husband, five bright, beautiful and promising little children, and many other relatives to mourn her departure.

Sunday, the 28th, all that was mortal of Mrs. Molpus was laid to rest in New Hope cemetery, witnessed by the largest congregation I ever saw at a burial.

New Hope community is in mourning on account of its great loss. She was loved by all who knew her. Sister Molpus is separated from us for a short space of time; it will not be long till we shall meet again where there will be no more sickness, sorrow and pain.

Then cheer up, sorrow-stricken ones; "in our Father's house," to which the loved one has gone, our Master is preparing a place for you by and by.

R. W. SUMRALL.

Married.

The Gregory-Hollingsworth Nuptials.

I had the pleasure to represent the clergy in the joyous celebration at the Hollandale Church, and to speak to Brother Gregory's good people on the night before the wedding. April the 6th saw the busy little city all astir with preparations for the affair of the evening. The church was made charming with the beautiful decorations in green and white. Even the city's electric light managers lent a hand, and swung arc light from the center of the ceiling, to give full effect to the decorations.

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place at the altar. The attendants, men and maids from Greenville, Itta Bena, Indianola and other Delta towns, all in full dress, gracefully marched in, followed by the happy contracting parties who presented themselves at the altar from which the popular groom is accustomed to minister to his appreciative people. The groom was in full evening dress and the stately, graceful bride, was robed in white with the flowing bridal veil.

The ceremony over, the party filed out and immediately repaired to the Barfield Hotel, where they spent a happy hour of conversation and refreshments.

When our train pulled out next morning, the bishop of Hollandale and "the girl of the sunshine disposition" stood on the platform, smiling and waving us adieu; a happy new family.

Yours most truly, WM. E. ROBERTS.

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A fac simile letter from the treasurer of the Missouri Trust Co., of St. Louis, in the possession of the publisher of this paper.

"Certifies that the World's Fair Contest Company, incorporated, has this day deposited with this company \$75,000.00 in gold for the payment of the awards in its contest on a total paid attendance at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1904, and that such deposit is held in trust by this company, to be paid by it to such successful contestants as the Committee of Awards may direct."

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Woman's Central Committee:

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Program.

May, 1904.

Subject: "Africa and Japan."

"Attempt great things for God."
Wm. Casey.

1. Scripture: A Contrast. "Behold your God," Isaiah 40:5-31; Psalm 115:4-8. This may be made more effective if an idol can be shown.

2. Prayer: For those in heathen lands, remembering especially our missionaries in Africa and Japan.

3. A Japanese Message. Write it on paper about five inches wide, two yards long. Select material for "message" from leaflet, "Our Workers and Our Work in Japan," by Dr. E. E. Bomar. When it is all written, begin at the end and roll it up. In reading, the roll should not be unwrapped any faster than read.

4. Hymn: "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne." This was sung at divine service held on board Commodore Perry's flagship when his fleet anchored in Japanese waters Sunday, July 19, 1853.

5. Nuggets From Africa by different members. To be found in leaflet, "Our Work in Africa," by Rev. C. E. Smith.

6. Worth Reviewing: Great statesman born in Africa—Moses. Three great men who gave their lives for Africa, and died on their knees—Schmidt, Krapf, and Livingstone. Name of a missionary who said, "If I had a thousand lives, Africa should have them all."—Mackenzie. Greatest person ever in Africa—Jesus.

7. Roll Call: Responded to by verse of Scripture, or bright anecdotes about famous missionaries in Africa.

8. Minutes of Last Meeting. Other business.

9. Read Circular regarding "Young Banker's Friend, Money Box." What

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10. Narrative Leaflet: "The Woman Who Gave Herself."

11. Remember in Prayer the meetings of the Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, in Nashville, Tenn., May 12-16.

DEAR MRS. JOHNSON:

I wish to report five dollars sent to Bro. B. D. Gray for the work in Cuba, from our young people's missionary society, the "Earnest Workers" of the Wall Street Baptist church at Natchez. We have such a splendid band of earnest, zealous young Christians, who are eager to enlist in the Master's work.

We are studying the topics suggested by Bright Hours and are charmed with the leaflets, and the valuable information this little booklet contains.

Yours in Christian love,
R. B. SHAW, Cor. Sec'y.
Natchez, April 18, 1904.

What Has the United States
At Stake?

In a word our religious liberty is at stake. The United States is the home of religious liberty. There was never a State or government in the world that extended the right to worship God according to the choice of the worshiper until that boon was proclaimed in Rhode Island by Roger Williams. And later largely through the influence of Virginia Baptists that principle was engrafted in the Constitution of the United States. This glorious heritage is now imperiled mainly from three sources, Romanism, Mormonism and Immigration. The head of Romanism, the Pope, is a foreign Prince claiming jurisdiction over the

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State as well as the church. Disobedience to his commands, where he has authority, is treason in the State and heresy in the church. Both alike are punished by death, where Romanism has the power. Mormonism holds in common with Romanism the union of church and State, also holds to the doctrine of Polygamy which destroys the sacredness of the home and the happiness of the family. If either of these were to prevail, religious liberty would be at an end in this country. Immigration is one of the most frightful sources of our peril. Foreigners come into our country by the million every year. And mainly they are an oppressed and bad class of people. Perhaps a majority of them are Roman Catholics who have never known what religious liberty means.

It is estimated that 90 per cent of the saloon keepers are foreigners. This is the hot bed of Anarchy and Infidelity. Our peril from all these sources furnishes us with the greatest opportunity in our history. This tide of evil can only be checked by the Gospel of Christ, which Paul says is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. This is the work of the Home Mission Board, and should enlist our prayers and contributions.

M. J. SEARCY

Literature.

Who can estimate the power exerted by what is written or printed in awakening interest, and stimulating to action? When the writer of these words was a child, Dr. Newman Hall wrote a tract, entitled, "Come to Jesus." So powerfully did those burning words from the heart of a good man take hold of the heart of others that within his own lifetime, they had been translated into fifty lan-

guages, and thousands of conversions had been reported through them. A young girl away from her home at college, became afflicted with grave doubts as to her acceptance with Christ. When she made known to the minister in charge, her state of mind, he gave her that commentary on Bible promises, "Come to Jesus" which was blessed of God in bringing peace and comfort. The great Dr. Adoniram Judson read Buchanan's "Star in the East," and was so powerfully stirred in the spirit thereby, that ere long himself and young wife embarked for the shores of India to teach Christ to that heathen people.

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William Carey received his inspiration from the sight of a map, whereon the abode of benighted nations was marked by dark spots, and so meditating he determined to leave his shoe bench to go to their relief. Mrs. Henrietta Shuck, wife of one of our earliest missionaries to China, read the story of Ann Hasseltine Judson's labors and sufferings in Burmah, and was thereby led to give up her happy life, as the daughter of a Virginia minister to go to the utterly unknown land of China as a missionary. It would be a difficult thing to estimate the amount of interest in missions generated by the thousands of pages sent out by the Woman's Missionary Union in the shape of tracts and leaflets. Some of these give the bare facts concerning the various mission fields. Others are bright, interesting little stories, giving the experiences of women in their struggles to work for the Master. An earnest pastor said not long ago—something like this—"The women of my church know missions, because they make a systematic study of that subject week by week." If we wish to have our hearts fixed with enthusiasm concerning the doings of brethren and sisters we must read their letters in the Foreign Mission Journal. Our interest in kindred according to the flesh will suffer a chill, and even die, if we allow months and years to elapse without the interchange of letters.

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